

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Oleg Sokolov

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For: A CELLULAR X-RAY GRID

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Group Art Unit: 2506

Examiner: C. Church

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Washington, DC. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is a Preliminary Amendment to be entered before examination in the File Wrapper Continuation of s.n. 08/615,724, which is filed herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

29. (amended) A cellular X-ray grid for use in an X-ray imaging system with a radiation point source and an X-ray film, comprising:

N2 a grid, including a main part surrounded by a [monolithic solid] frame having a height corresponding to the height of the main part and a width selected to prevent bending of said grid and having at least one longitudinally-extending side, and a layer of radiation absorbent material completely covering and overlying all surfaces of said grid including said main part [of] and frame, said main part including a top face and a bottom face, and a multiplicity of throughbores formed therethrough extending from said top face to said bottom face and defining cells to pass radiation emitted by said point source through said main part to form an X-ray image on an X-ray film underlying said grid, said cells are separated by a plurality of x-ray

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